

H.R. 786, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide an additional place for holding court for the Pecos Division of the Western District of Texas, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on September 28, 2023

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2024	2024-2028	2024-2033
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	not estimated
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No
		Mandate Effects	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 786 would authorize certain federal courts in the states of Texas and Washington to hold proceedings in additional cities within their respective districts.

Specifically, the bill would allow courts in the Pecos Division of the Western District of Texas to hold proceedings in the city of Alpine. Under current law, those proceedings are held in the city of Pecos. In addition, the bill would authorize federal courts in the Western District of Washington to hold proceedings in the city of Mount Vernon. Under current law, those proceedings are held in the cities of Bellingham, Seattle, Tacoma, and Vancouver.

Using information from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts about current operating costs for those courts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2024-2028 period. Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

See also

[CBO's Cost Estimates Explained](#), [CBO Describes Its Cost-Estimating Process](#), [Glossary](#)



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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phillip L. Swagel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail.

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